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## **OAKLAND SET TO RECEIVE \$3 MILLION FOR KEY INITIATIVES FROM CAPITOL HILL**

*Funds Approved for CompStat, Lake Merritt Improvement Project, East Bay Green Jobs  
Corridor, and Vehicle Locating Systems*

**OAKLAND** – On Wednesday night an appropriations bill containing \$3 million for key Oakland initiatives was made public, upon receiving approval by House and Senate appropriators. The bill included:

- \$1,325,000 for Oakland Police CompStat;
- \$827,900 for Lake Merritt Improvement Project;
- \$600,000 for the East Bay Green Jobs Corridor; and
- \$250,000 for the Automatic Vehicle Locating Systems.

Mayor Ron Dellums praised federal leaders, including Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer and Representative Barbara Lee for their efforts.

"These appropriations will allow us to further our work of improving the quality of life for all Oakland residents," said Mayor Dellums. "This significant investment will help fight crime, create jobs and improve Lake Merritt - our city's centerpiece. This funding is the result of a tremendous commitment on the part of our local representatives and senators, as well as city staff, who have fought hard to ensure that these crucial projects can thrive for the benefit of our constituencies."

"As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I am pleased with what we have been able to accomplish in this appropriations cycle given these tough economic times. This legislation makes critical investments in a wide-range of programs within the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District that will support our infrastructure and help put people back to work. I have and will continue to work with Mayor Dellums and the city of Oakland to obtain federal funding for the city's priorities," said Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-09)

The bill goes to President Barack Obama for final signature and approval.

The \$1.3 million for **CompStat** will go towards developing, designing and deploying a centralized and consolidated criminal data repository system to enhance public safety efforts within the Oakland community. The implementation of a data repository will promote more efficient public safety services to the citizens, deter criminal activity, enhance emergency services, enhance risk management, expand crime prevention, promote better information throughout the region and facilitate economic growth.

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The funds for the **Lake Merritt Improvement Project** will support comprehensive infrastructure enhancements to improve pedestrian accessibility and general landscape surrounding Lake Merritt, a national historic landmark located within the city of Oakland. As a result of the project, the people of Oakland and the region will enjoy a cleaner, safer, and more environmentally healthy Lake Merritt that will in turn facilitate economic development within surrounding areas of downtown Oakland.

The **East Bay Green Jobs Corridor** will receive funds to specifically implement and manage education programs to teach skills applicable to jobs in the energy efficiency, alternative energy, clean technology, and emerging green industry sectors that are dominated by small startup businesses. This funding will help to identify and increase gainful employment opportunities in “green” and conventional businesses and industries that offer living wages and career ladders, with a special emphasis on removing employment barriers for local residents in low-income communities.

The **Automatic Vehicle Locating Systems** allows the city to locate municipal vehicles in real-time, providing instant location and diagnostic information particularly useful in the event of an emergency. The funds received will supplement local efforts to purchase and install these critical systems within all municipal vehicles. In addition to providing vehicle location in the event of an emergency, AVL units save time and money by reducing maintenance costs throughout the municipal fleet.

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For more information on Mayor Ron Dellums and the City of Oakland, please visit and bookmark the following Web accounts:

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 : <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ron-Dellums/98961200747>

 : <http://www.twitter.com> “Mayor Dellums”

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